

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 1-20 were pending in this Application. Claims 1, 3-4, 6-8, 10-11 and 13-14 were rejected. Claims 2, 5, 9, 12, and 15-20 were objected to. Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, and 14 have been amended to further define various features of Applicant's invention. Claims 2, 3, 9, and 10 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 21-24 have been added. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Objections under 37 CFR 1.83(a)

Examiner has objected to the drawings for failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). Applicant submits amendments to Fig. 7 in which the Figure is labeled "Prior Art" and reference symbol "Dn" has been canceled. Furthermore, with respect to Figs. 8 and 9, the label "Prior Art" has been added. No other amendments have been made.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, and 13 because of the use of unclear language. Applicant amended Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, and 13 according to the Examiner's proposal.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 2, 5, 9, 12 and 15-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant amended independent Claim 1 to include the limitation of dependent Claim 2 which has been indicated allowable. Also Claim 8 has been amended to include the limitation of dependent Claim 9 which has been indicated allowable. Applicant submits new Claim 21 incorporating the elements of allowable Claim 5 and base Claim 1. New Claim 22 incorporates the elements of allowable Claim 12 and base Claim 8. New Claim 23 incorporates the elements of allowable Claim 15 and base Claim 8. Finally, New Claim 24 incorporates the elements of allowable Claim 17

and base Claim 8. Applicant further submits new Claims 21-22 are, therefore, in condition for allowance and requests favorable action.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge \$600.00 for new independent claims to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. Applicant believes there are no further fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2545.

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